

never saw a face so transformed. She looked haloed in a madonna-like benignancy. She stood up proudly before us all.

"I'll tell her now," she said in ringing tones. "No, I'll tell her before everybody. Everybody knew, everybody has always taunted me with being an old maid. It is true I have never been married, but Bessie is my child."

The pert look that had been on Bessie's face was never seen there again. We looked at the exporter's face, and knew Miss Roberts had spoken the truth.

"Is this true?" cried Bessie, clutching at his arms convulsively.

Mr. Wakefield bowed his head. "My nephew is dead now," he said, "and there is no reason why the secret should be kept any longer. His wife knows. But for that," he continued, turning to Miss Roberts, "I should have done more for you—more for you both. I always meant to—I am going to now."

The last thing that we saw as we filed out was Bessie weeping in Miss Roberts' arms.

MOVIE GOSSIP

Lubin denies that Ethel Clayton is to leave his concern.

Triangle's "The Edge of the Abyss," featuring Mary Boland and Willard Mack, promises to be an advance showing of the latest fashions because of the many exquisite gowns worn by Miss Boland.

Five years ago Hazel Dawn saved her lunch money to see her favorite, Mary Pickford, in the movies. Now their dressing rooms adjoin in the Famous Players big studio in New York.

Director Frank Powell of the Fox organization has joined the Equitable forces. Powell jumped into the limelight when he produced "A Fool There Was" and has added to his laurels in his direction of Nance O'Neill. He is rated as one of the best directors in the movie world.

GEN. GONZALES TO GET FOE'S HEAD AS CHRISTMAS PRESENT



GEN. PABLO GONZALES.

How'd you like to get the head of a dead man for a Christmas present? Eh?

General Pablo Gonzales, commander of Mexico City for the defacto government, has been notified that the head of Gen. Juan B. Hernandez, former intimate friend of President Porfirio Diaz and relative of Gen. Huerta, was being shipped to him from Esperanza, state of Vera Cruz as a Christmas present.

Hernandez was slain in battle and the victor of the fight, Col. Galacia of the Constitutionalist army, boxed Hernandez' severed head and is sending it by special messenger to Gonzales.

SAUTE EGG PLANT.

Slice the plant, peel and sprinkle the slices with a little salt, pile up on plate and put plate over them with a weight on top and allow to stand for an hour. Drain and rinse and saute in hot olive oil; brown each side golden brown and serve with tomato sauce.